GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1848
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2000
GAUGE CONVERSION OF MUDKHED-ADILABAD RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of gauge conversion on Mudkhed-Adilabad rail line under South Central Railway;

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of work which was targeted to be completed during 1998-99;

(c) the details of work done since the new BOLT contractor has taken over the work; and

(d) the time by which the gauge conversion work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1848 BY SHRI SUF RAMRAO JADHAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 3.8.2000 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION OF MUD −ADILABAD RAIL LINE.

(a) & (b) The work of gauge conversion of Mudkhed − Adilabad section on South Central Railway had been awarded to M/s. Shakthi Concrete Industries Ltd. (SCIL), Hyderabad under the BOLT SchemeThe work was originally targeted for completion by 30.9.97. As the Agency was experiencing problems in getting its finances tied up, the date was extended to 31.3.99. However, the progress of the work still remained very slow and the Agency could not tie up its finances. M/s. SCIL then floated a sister concern viz M/s Shakthi Infrastructure Investment and Leasing Ltd.(SIILL), as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and have assigned them all the contractual rights. The new Agency, M/s. SIILL, is now understood to have tied up their finances wait the Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO).

(c) The new Agency, M/s. SIILL, have not yet started actual execution.

(d) Subject to the required funds becoming available from HUDCO, it is expected that the project would be completed by 31.12.2001.